

§ 68c.1

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§ 68c.1 What is the scope and purpose of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program (CIR-LRP)?

This part applies to the award of educational loan payments under the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program (CIR-LRP) authorized by section 487B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288-2). The purpose of this CIR-LRP is the recruitment and retention of highly qualified health professionals to conduct contraception and/or infertility research.

§ 68c.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*).

Allied health professional means:

(1) A physician assistant; or

(2) A research assistant with at least a bachelor's degree and applicable career goals.

Applicant means an individual who applies to, and meets the eligibility criteria for the CIR-LRP.

Commercial loans means loans made by banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, not-for-profit organizations, insurance companies, schools, and other financial or credit institutions which are subject to examination and supervision in their capacity as lending institutions by an agency of the United States or of the State in which the lender has its principal place of business.

Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program (CIR-LRP or Program) means the NICHD Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program authorized by section 487B of the Act.

Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program (CIR-LRP or Program) contract refers to the agreement, which is signed by an applicant and the Secretary, wherein the applicant agrees to participate in research on infertility or contraceptive development and the Secretary agrees to repay

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qualified educational loans for a prescribed period as specified in this part.

Contraception and Infertility Research Loan Repayment Program (CIR-LRP or Program) Panel means a board assembled to review, rank, and approve or disapprove CIR-LRP applications. The Panel is composed of the Deputy Director, NICHD, representatives of NICHD's Office of Administrative Management, respective Program Officers of the Center for Population Research, and other special consultants as required.

Contraceptive development means research whose ultimate goal is to provide new or improved means of preventing pregnancy.

Educational expenses means the cost of the health professional's education, including the tuition expenses and other educational expenses such as fees, books, supplies, educational equipment and materials, and laboratory expenses.

Government loans means loans made by Federal, State, county, or city agencies which are authorized by law to make such loans.

Health professional means an individual who is a physician, Ph.D.-level scientist, nurse, or a graduate student or postgraduate research fellow working toward a degree that will enable them to practice in one of those professions.

Infertility research means research whose long-range objective is to evaluate, treat or ameliorate conditions which result in the failure of couples to either conceive or bear young.

Living expenses means the reasonable cost of room and board, transportation and commuting costs, and other reasonable costs incurred during an individual's attendance at an educational institution.

Eligible NICHD-supported extramural site means a site funded by NICHD that can be identified as one of the following:

(1) A Cooperative Specialized Contraception and Infertility Research Center;

(2) A Cooperative Specialized Research Center in Reproduction Research;

(3) A Women's Reproductive Health Research Career Development Center; and